

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: Authorization for Remedial Design at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois

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TO: Valdas V. Adamkus
Regional Administrator

Purpose

This action memorandum requests authorization for funding for Remedial Design (RD) activities at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois (NL Site). This RD will be performed under an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Background

On July 4, 1990, U.S. EPA issued special notice letters to the 380 potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) at the NL Site. Under the letters, the deadline for the PRPs to provide U.S. EPA with a "good faith" offer to perform the RD and Remedial Action (RA) at the site under a Consent Decree with U.S. EPA was August 31, 1990. Although three separate offers were received on that date, none of the offers constituted a "good faith" offer. U.S. EPA then issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) to the top 49 PRPs on November 27, 1990. The UAO ordered the recipients to perform the RD/RA at the NL Site. On or before January 18, 1991, the PRPs provided U.S. EPA with notices of intent to comply/not comply with the Order. U.S. EPA has determined that the PRPs are not in compliance with the UAO and that U.S. EPA should perform the RD for the NL Site.

Estimated Cost and Schedule

This funding covers costs associated with activities outlined in the attached Scope of Work. These activities provide for performance of the Remedial Design in its entirety. To accomplish this, we are requesting \$1,200,000. The total funding needed is not available at this time. However, \$150,000 is available to initiate the project. This funding is being provided by the FY'91 2nd Quarter Superfund Comprehensive Accomplishments Plan (SCAP). The remainder will be provided on the SCAP for subsequent quarters.

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Remedial Design	14 months	\$1,200,000	\$150,000

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The funds provided are necessary to complete the remedial design activities specified in the scope of work. The Remedial Project Manager has reviewed the estimated costs and considers them reasonable for the work to be performed.

Recommendation

This request has been coordinated with the appropriate offices in the Region. I recommend that the funds be authorized for the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois.

Attachments

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